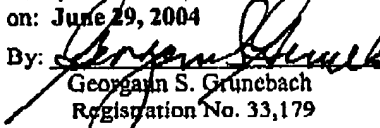


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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 31, 2004

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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In re Application of: Jeffrey A. Brown, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AND
VIEWING SIMILAR PROGRAMS WITHIN A VIDEO SYSTEM

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Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: Krista Kieu-Oanh T. Bui

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

____ An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. _____
Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

X No additional fee for claims is required.

____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	24	minus	26*	=	0	x	\$ 18.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	3**	=	0	x	\$ 86.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 290.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:							\$ 000.00

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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